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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 5181
Spirit of America PAC and
Garrett M. Lott, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Trimble:

This letter is in response to your August 28, 2002 letter requesting an extension of 30 days for your clients to respond to the Commission's reason to believe findings and Items 10-15 of the Subpoena and Order in the above-noted matter. It is my understanding that you will be submitting written responses and documents relative to Items 1-9 and 16 of the Subpoena and Order by the original September 3, 2002 deadline.

After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your clients' response to the Commission's reason to believe findings and Items 10-15 of the Subpoena and Order is due by the close of business on Thursday, October 3, 2002. As I discussed with Mr. Haapoja this morning, if necessary, you may supplement the responses/documents provided in the initial production referenced above any time prior to but no later than October 3, 2002.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar

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August 28, 2002

VIA FACSIMILE and U.S. MAIL

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Re: MUR 681 (6/81)
Spirit of America PAC and Garrett M. Lott, as Treasurer

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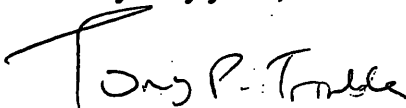
Dear Ms. Taksar:

This letter is to memorialize our August 27, 2002 telephone conversation and our voice mail message of today relative to Spirit of America, a Federal Election Commission ("FEC") registered multi-candidate committee ("Committee") and Garrett M. Lott, as Treasurer of the Committee (collectively, "Respondents") with respect to the Factual and Legal Analysis and Subpoena forwarded by the FEC on July 29, 2002.

On behalf of Respondents, we hereby request a thirty (30) day extension to respond to the Factual and Legal Analysis, Subpoena and Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents rather than a ninety (90) day extension as requested in our letter dated August 26, 2002. We understand that your office is amenable to a thirty (30) day request; therefore, if this request is granted, our complete responses to the July 29, 2002 correspondence, Subpoena and Requests (otherwise due September 3, 2002) will therefore be provided to your office no later than October 3, 2002.

Please confirm your understanding of the foregoing in writing to the undersigned by Friday, August 30, 2002 and contact the undersigned with any questions or comments. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Tony P. Trimble

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cc: Garrett M. Lott

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Re: ⁵¹⁸¹MUR 1681
Spirit of America PAC and Garrett M. Lott, as Treasurer

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Dear Mr. Mason / Ms. Taksar:

The undersigned represents Spirit of America, a Federal Election Commission ("FEC") registered multi-candidate committee ("Committee") and Garrett M. Lott, as Treasurer of the Committee (collectively, "Respondents") with respect to the Subpoena issued by the FEC dated July 29, 2002 related to the above matter.

Respondents have reviewed the Subpoena and accompanying Interrogatories and Requests for the Production of Documents (herein the "Requests") and will be submitting in a timely manner their Joint Responses to said Requests. However, as explained below, Respondents are not at this time able to fully comply with these Requests within the 30-day deadline set forth in the Subpoena and Requests due in large part to the broad scope of the Requests.

In particular, Document Requests 10 through 15 seek "each separate disseminated PAC communication containing a representation of John Ashcroft's signature or otherwise referencing John Ashcroft" and documents related thereto from the January 1, 1996 time frame indicated in the "Definitions" section of the Requests. To comply with these requests, the Committee's current Treasurer, Garrett M. Lott has been in contact with the Committee's current and former vendors to attempt to obtain all relevant documents and information; however, Mr. Lott has been unsuccessful in completing this task.

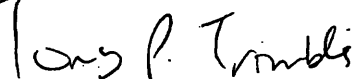
Accordingly, Respondents hereby will timely submit their Responses to Interrogatories and Requests for the Production of Documents with all documents and information Respondents have been able to obtain to date with full responses for all Request Numbers 1 through 9 and 16. Respondents

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additionally hereby request that Respondents be granted an extension for an additional ninety (90) days to ascertain the location and availability of documents responsive to Request Numbers 10 through 15. Respondents also note that the additional response time requested above is directly commensurate with the sheer scope and lengthy time period of the Requests (requesting virtually every document produced and distributed by the Committee for the last six (6) years). Respondents could respond in a shorter time period if the scope or time duration of the Requests were narrowed.

Please contact either of the undersigned at your earliest convenience regarding this request. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Tony P. Trimble
Matthew W. Haapoja

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cc: Garrett M. Lott